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1. JULY 28 NLF CENTRAL COMMITTEE PRESIDIUM STATEMENT ON UPCOMING GVN ELECTIONS FORMALIZES VIET CONG "BOYCOTT" APPROACH TOWARD ELECTIONS. THERE HAV BEEN EARLIER LOW-LEVEL "BOYCOTT" CALLS, BUT PRESIDIUM STATEMENT MAKES CLEAR THAT THIS WILL BE CHIEF VC TACT TO OPPOSE THIS "DECITFUL POLITICAL TRICK."

2. ALTHOUGH PRESIDIUM STATEMENT DID NOT DIRECTLY CALL

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FOR THE "SMASHING" OF ELECTIONS, SUBSEQUENT VC RADIO BROADCASTS RESPONDING TO THE PRESIDIUM STATEMENT HAVE CALLED ON URBAN "COMPATRIOTS" TO "SMASH ELECTION FARCE." APPARENTLY, VC ARE NOW ENTERING FINAL INTENSIVE PHASE OF GENERAL POLITICAL AND PROSELYTISING CAMPAIGN TO BLUNT OVERALL IMPACT OF ELECTION.

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